

House Resolution 33

By: Representatives Ralston of the 7th, Smyre of the 135th, Burns of the 159th, Jones of the 47th, Beverly of the 143rd, and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Henry Louis "Hank" Aaron; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of one of this nation's most distinguished
3 citizens with the passing of Henry Louis "Hank" Aaron; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Hank Aaron was born on February 5, 1934, in Mobile, Alabama; and
- 5 WHEREAS, he was united in love and marriage to his wife, Billye, and was blessed with
6 five remarkable children, Gaile, Hank Jr., Lary, Dorinda, and Ceci; and
- 7 WHEREAS, known affectionately around the world as "Hammering Hank Aaron," he played
8 for both Milwaukee and the Atlanta Braves and is recognized for his many accomplishments,
9 including breaking Babe Ruth's home run record during his phenomenal athletic career; and
- 10 WHEREAS, a distinguished gentleman who persevered despite bitter racism and hardship,
11 he finished his career as the 1957 National League MVP, a two-time NL batting champion,
12 a three-time Gold Glove winner in right field, a record 25-time All-Star, and the 1982
13 Baseball Hall of Fame honoree; and

14 WHEREAS, his legendary performance during his baseball career is complemented by his
15 honorable dedication to civil rights and his determination to speak publicly about the racial
16 injustice he faced during his life; and

17 WHEREAS, following his retirement as a baseball player, he went on to inspire new players
18 in his role as director of player development for the Atlanta Braves, a position he held for 13
19 years before becoming senior vice president and assistant to the president in 1989; and

20 WHEREAS, Hank Aaron gave inspiration to many through his high ideals, morals, and deep
21 concern for his fellow citizens, and he possessed the vast wisdom which only comes through
22 experience and the strength of character which is achieved through overcoming the many
23 challenges of life; and

24 WHEREAS, an inspiration to many, he was a person of magnanimous strengths with an
25 unimpeachable reputation for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness, and by the
26 example he made of his life, he made this world a better place in which to live and aided
27 Atlanta, Georgia, in becoming the icon it is today; and

28 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Hank Aaron will long be remembered for
29 his legacy as an exceptional baseball player and civil rights activist and will be missed by all
30 who had the great fortune of knowing him.

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
32 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Henry Louis "Hank"
33 Aaron and express their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
35 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
36 family of Henry Louis "Hank" Aaron.